



The City of Mercer Island, Washington

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of prevention and effective treatment of mental and/or substance use disorders are significant – people in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to realize mental health and substance use disorders are treatable and people should seek treatment for these conditions with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month increases awareness that treatment works, recovery is possible and benefits everyone; and

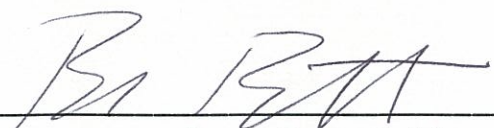
**WHEREAS**, all citizens are asked to celebrate this year's recovery theme – *Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Bassett, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 as,

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

in Mercer Island and call upon our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.*

Signed this 24th day of September, 2012

  
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Bruce Bassett, Mayor